

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

Applicants cancelled claims 21 and 22, and thus obviated the rejection under 37 CFR 1.83(a). With regard to the objections under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5), Applicants amended the Specification to properly refer to the reference designators in the drawings. Thus, the drawings have not been amended.

Objections to the Specification

Applicants amended the Specification to alleviate typographical errors in the Specification, including the error noted by the Examiner on page 17, lines 4 and 16. No new matters was entered.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103

In the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, claims 1-7 and 11-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application 2004/0193669, by *Shirani* (hereafter referred to as "*Shirani*"). Claims 8 and 18, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *Shirani* in view of US Patent Application 2003/0090339, by *Yu et al.*

Shirani, a US published patent application, has a filing date of Oct 2, 2003. The Present Application has a filing date of July 7, 2003. As such, *Shirani* is NOT prior art. Applicants request removal of the rejection by *Shirani*.

Claims 8 and 18, are indirectly dependent upon claims 1 and 11, and therefore are rendered patentable over *Shirani* in combination with *Yu et al*.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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